

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-13

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PFOR US GR

SUBJ: ARAB TERRORISTS

REF STATE 016050

1. THE POST HAS NOTHING FIRM TO INDICATE THERE IS  
SUBSTANCE TO THE RUMORS OF A RELEASE OF THE TWO  
CONVICTED TERRORISTS. HOWEVER, SUCH RUMORS HAVE BEEN  
CIRCULATING FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. IN VIEW OF THIS PERSISTENCE, I SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT  
CALL IN THE GREEK CHARGE THIS MORNING AND GIVE HIM OUR  
VIEWS IN WRITING. WE SHOULD COMPLIMENT THE GOG ON ITS  
STRONG STAND IN BRINGING THE TERRORISTS TO TRIAL, AND  
REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATELY PUNISHING SUCH  
CRIMINALS. TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM EFFECT ON THE GOG I WOULD  
SUGGEST WE NOTE THE SERIOUS EFFECT RUMORED RELEASE  
WOULD HAVE ON THE RULE OF LAW AND ORDERLY LIFE OF  
CIVILIZED NATIONS.

3. THIS DEMARCHE WOULD BE A FOLLOW-UP TO MY FIRM AND  
EFFECTIVE MESSAGE TO PM ANDROUTSOPOULOS IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE RECENT ROME ATHENS HIJACKING AND MURDERS.

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ANDROUTSOPOULOS INDICATED TO ME THEN THAT THESE

EVENTS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN GOG DECISION TO  
REMAIN FIRM.

4. AS SOON AS DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN ITS ACTION, I WOULD  
PLAN TO REINFORCE IT BY PASSING A SIMILAR MESSAGE  
DIRECTLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER. I WOULD THEREFORE  
APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOONEST THE TEXT OF NOTE IF IT  
IS TRANSMITTED. TASCA

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